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In re Application of

RUNGE et al.

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Honorable Commissioner of
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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(c)

Sir:

On behalf of applicants, the undersigned hereby petitions for suspension of action in the above-identified application for a period of three (3) months to provide time for applicants to prepare arguments and to conduct experiments to further prosecute the application.

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